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**SENATE BILL 5641**

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**By** Senators Haugen, Benton, Wojahn, Sellar and Costa

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1            AN ACT Relating to "Help Kids Speak" license plates; amending RCW  
2 46.16.301 and 46.16.313; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW; adding a new section to  
4 chapter 28A.300 RCW; and creating a new section.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6            NEW SECTION.        **Sec. 1.**        The legislature recognizes that good  
7 language skills are essential for productive adults and that public  
8 schools in the state of Washington provide trained speech pathologists  
9 to assist children who lack adequate verbal communication skills to  
10 compete successfully in the challenges of securing an education. It  
11 recognizes that the task of teaching students to speak well is a  
12 formidable one and sees shrinking public funding as an obstacle in  
13 providing sufficient professional staff to realize that goal. It  
14 further recognizes that professionally trained and licensed speech  
15 pathologists are provided at no cost by nonprofit charitable  
16 organizations to preschool and school-age children. To aid the public  
17 schools in teaching essential speech skills, a "Help Kids Speak"  
18 license plate is established.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.301 and 1997 c 291 s 5 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) The department shall create, design, and issue a special  
4 baseball stadium license plate that may be used in lieu of regular or  
5 personalized license plates for motor vehicles required to display two  
6 motor vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under  
7 chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the  
8 department. The special plates shall commemorate the construction of  
9 a baseball stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485. The department shall  
10 also issue to each recipient of a special baseball stadium license  
11 plate a certificate of participation in the construction of the  
12 baseball stadium.

13       (2) In cooperation with the Washington state patrol and the  
14 department of licensing, the sponsors of the "Help Kids Speak" program  
15 shall create, and design, and the department shall issue a special  
16 license plate displaying a symbol of a nonprofit charitable  
17 organization and the words "Help Kids Speak" that may be used in lieu  
18 of regular or personalized license plates for motor vehicles required  
19 to display two motor vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles  
20 registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions  
21 established by the department. The special plates will commemorate the  
22 "Help Kids Speak" organization.

23       **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1997 c 291 s 8 are each amended to read  
24 as follows:

25       (1) The department may establish a fee for each type of special  
26 license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as  
27 existing before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in  
28 an amount calculated to offset the cost of production of the special  
29 license plates and the administration of this program. ~~((Until~~  
30 ~~December 31, 1997,))~~ The fee shall not exceed ~~((thirty five dollars,~~  
31 ~~but effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on~~  
32 ~~January 1, 1998, the department may adjust the fee to no more than))~~  
33 forty dollars. This fee is in addition to all other fees required to  
34 register and license the vehicle for which the plates have been  
35 requested. All such additional special license plate fees collected by  
36 the department shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to  
37 the motor vehicle fund.

1       (2) (~~Until December 31, 1997, in addition to all fees and taxes~~  
2 ~~required to be paid upon application, registration, and renewal~~  
3 ~~registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a collegiate license~~  
4 ~~plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct~~  
5 ~~an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this~~  
6 ~~subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.~~  
7 ~~The remaining proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be~~  
8 ~~remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper~~  
9 ~~identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the~~  
10 ~~funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in~~  
11 ~~RCW 28B.10.890.~~

12       ~~(3) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on~~  
13 ~~January 1, 1998,))~~ In addition to all fees and taxes required to be  
14 paid upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder  
15 of a collegiate license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty  
16 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve  
17 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
18 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall  
19 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper  
20 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the  
21 funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in  
22 RCW 28B.10.890.

23       ~~((4))~~ (3) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on  
24 January 1, ~~((1999))~~ 2000, in addition to all fees and taxes required to  
25 be paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a  
26 collegiate license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The  
27 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee  
28 collected under this subsection for administration and collection  
29 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to  
30 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed  
31 report. The state treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate  
32 collegiate license plate fund as provided in RCW 28B.10.890.

33       ~~((5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
34 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a  
35 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of  
36 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed  
37 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for  
38 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining  
39 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to

1 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments  
2 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as  
3 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary  
4 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW  
5 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
6 to the state general fund.

7 ~~((6))~~ (5) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on  
8 January 1, ~~((1999))~~ 2000, in addition to all fees and taxes required to  
9 be paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a  
10 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty  
11 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two  
12 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
13 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall  
14 be distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and  
15 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball  
16 stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary  
17 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW  
18 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
19 to the state general fund.

20 (6) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
21 application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a "Help  
22 Kids Speak" license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty dollars.  
23 The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve dollars of  
24 each fee collected under this subsection for administration and  
25 collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds, minus the  
26 cost of plate production, shall be remitted to the custody of the state  
27 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state  
28 treasurer shall remit the proceeds to the superintendent of public  
29 instruction for grants under section 6 of this act to aid public  
30 schools in providing essential speaking skills to youngsters of the  
31 state of Washington.

32 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January  
33 1, 2001, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
34 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a "Help Kids  
35 Speak" license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department  
36 shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected  
37 under this subsection for administration and collection expenses  
38 incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to the  
39 custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed

1 report. The state treasurer shall credit the funds to the "Help Kids  
2 Speak" license plate fund as provided in chapter 28A.300 RCW.

3 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 "Help Kids Speak license plates" means license plates that display  
6 a symbol of a nonprofit, charitable organization that provides no-fee  
7 professional speech pathologists to teach youngsters to speak.

8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW  
9 to read as follows:

10 Beginning not later than January 1, 2001, the department shall  
11 issue license plates depicting a symbol of a nonprofit, charitable  
12 organization and the words "Help Kids Speak." Following the initial  
13 issue, the department may renew license plates eighteen months prior to  
14 their expiration date.

15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 (1) The "Help Kids Speak" program is created. The purpose of the  
18 program is to provide grants to nonprofit, charitable organizations,  
19 incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington that do not  
20 discriminate in any way, and that provide licensed speech pathologists  
21 on a no-fee basis to youngsters, regardless of their economic status,  
22 whether enrolled in a public, private, or home school, of preschool or  
23 school age, and who have displayed a lack of verbal communication  
24 skills; including in the grant application a finding that there is, on  
25 staff of the nonprofit, charitable organization, licensed speech  
26 pathologists trained in the techniques of teaching youngsters essential  
27 communication skills.

28 (2) The "Help Kids Speak" license plate fund is established in the  
29 custody of the state treasurer for all receipts, except as provided in  
30 RCW 46.16.313(6), from "Help Kids Speak" license plates. The proceeds  
31 shall be used to fund the grant program under subsection (1) of this  
32 section. The state treasurer shall remit the proceeds on a quarterly  
33 basis to the superintendent of public instruction.

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